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# **Amendments To Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees and costs that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, related to said travel-related transaction, wherein said Passenger Name Record facilitates charging a fee;

obtaining a user profile <u>comprising allocation information</u>, wherein said allocation <u>information defines a plurality of fees with a corresponding plurality of accounts;</u>

charging an a first account, according to said user profile, for a cost related to said travel-related transaction;

determining said fee based upon said Passenger Name Record and said user profile, wherein said fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said cost;

charging said fee to said a second account according to said user profile; and providing an enhanced descriptive billing statement, wherein said enhanced descriptive billing statement:

- (i) recites said cost related to said travel-related transaction;
- (ii) separately recites said fee; and
- (iii) recites indicia indicating that said fee and said cost are related to each other;

wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said travel reservation system is a Computer Reservation System.

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3. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees and costs that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, wherein said Passenger Name Record includes information that facilitates charging a fee associated with said travel-related transaction;

obtaining a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines a plurality of fees with a corresponding plurality of accounts; and

establishing charging an account for a cost related to said travel-related transaction;

determining said fee based upon said Passenger Name Record and said user profile, wherein said fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said cost; and,

charging said fee <u>plurality of fees and said cost</u> to <u>said a first account and a second</u> account <u>according to said user profile</u>; and, wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

- 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said <u>plurality of fees fee is are</u> charged to a <u>said plurality</u> of accounts an account associated with said user profile.
- 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a portion of said Passenger Name Record to a management information system for providing periodic enhanced descriptive billing statements.
- 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of formatting said Passenger Name Record in a Passenger Name Record format.

### Claim 7 (Cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of providing said account with fee reconciling information.

#### Claim 9 (cancelled)

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10. (original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 1.

## Claims 11-16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating allocation of fees for use by a travel agency, wherein said travel agency assists a traveler in making travel-related purchases from a merchant entity, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from an accounting system, said accounting system configured to receive said Passenger Name Record from a Computer Reservation System;

receiving a user profile <u>comprising allocation information</u>, wherein said allocation <u>information defines a plurality of fees with a corresponding plurality of accounts</u>;

comparing said Passenger Name Record data to information in said user profile to determine a fee to be charged for said assistance by said travel agency; and

charging said fee plurality of fees and said cost to an a first account and a second account associated with according to said user profile, wherein said receiving, comparing, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

- 18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of facilitating the enhancement of a billing statement with fee reconciliation information.
- 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of providing a credit entity with said fee reconciliation information.
- 20. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of charging said fee to a different account than the <u>an</u> account used to charge for the <u>a</u> cost of said travel-related purchase.
- 21. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

  providing data to a management information system for providing said a facilitating entity with periodic reports; and

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providing at least some a subset of said Passenger Name Record to said management information system.

22. (original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 18.

Claims 23-28 (cancelled)